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EDITORIAL.

A GRIEVOUS LOSS.

It is with profound sorrow—sorrow which will be shared by all those in the vanguard of the thirty years struggle for the standardisation of Nursing Education, and for State Registration of Nurses, that we record the death, after a short illness, of Lord Ampthill, the firm friend and champion of trained nurses, to whose statesmanship and brilliant conduct of the Bill for their State Registration in the House of Lords in 1908, and later during the passage of the Government Bill in the Upper House their eventual success was largely due.

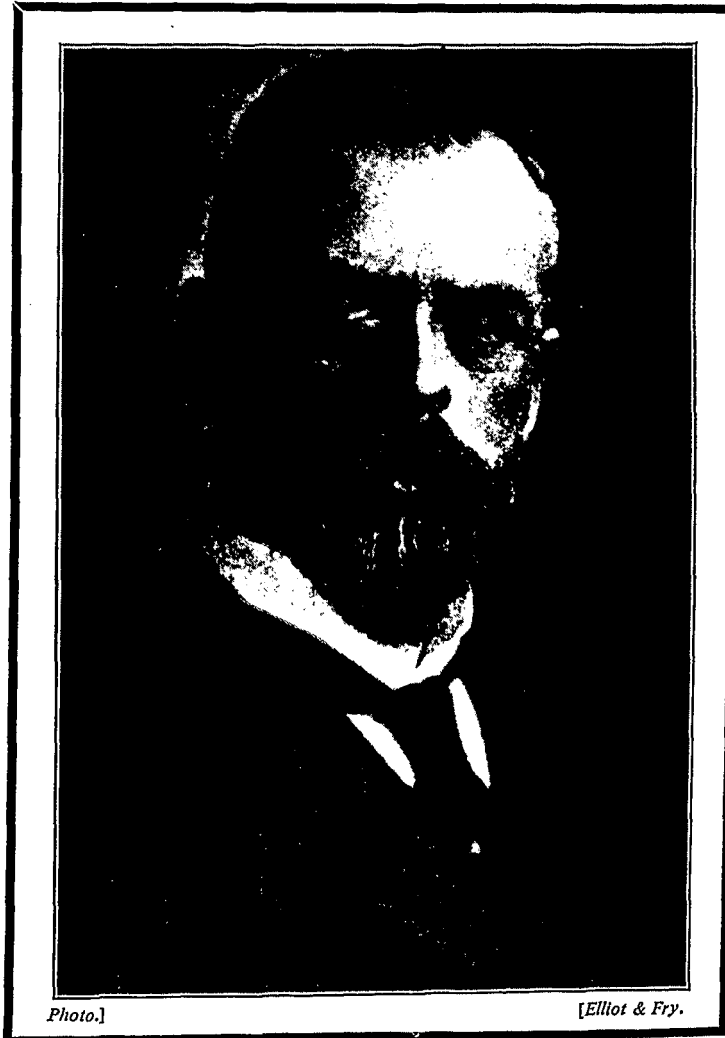
He held a watching brief for the self-governing societies of nurses in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, associated in the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, of which he was Chairman from its formation in 1910, until after the Nurses' Registration Acts, conferring legal status on the Nurses of the three Kingdoms and raising nursing into a legally constituted Profession, were placed on the Statute Book in December, 1919. It often meant attendance at the House of Lords until the small hours of the morning, but, whatever the hour, Lord Ampthill was in his place, and when at length the battle was won, and a State Register of Nurses containing 50,000 names had been published, the gratitude of nurses found expression in the presentation to him, at a pleasant ceremony in

London, over which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick presided on behalf of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, of a copy of the State Register of Nurses for England and Wales, with an inscription recording the grateful recognition by nurses of his generous action in introducing in the House

of Lords in 1908 the Nurses Registration Bill drafted by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and securing its passage in that House without a division at any stage, and with support on all sides of the House.

Trained Nurses were the more honoured by the interest and help extended to them by Lord Ampthill in their efforts for the organisation of their profession, inasmuch as his interests were many, and he served his country with distinction as administrator, soldier, and politician. In 1900 he was appointed Governor of Madras, and subsequently acted as Viceroy of India during the absence from India for two years of Lord Curzon. Later he did valuable work in the promotion of the Territorial Force. He was on active service in France during the War, was three times mentioned in dispatches and received the G.B.E. in 1917. He took a deep interest in Freemasonry and in 1908 was appointed by the

Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, to be his Pro Grand Master, an office which he held with distinction until his death. He was a keen sportsman and athlete, a brilliant shot, and a fine swimmer, a champion indeed of whom any profession might be proud.



THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD AMPHILL,
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